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Assignee: Corning Cable Systems LLC	)	
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Serial No.: N/A	)	
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Title: Multit-Port Optical Connection Terminal	)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document(s) listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the application.

Copies of the listed document(s) are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document(s) and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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